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Press Release

HIALEAH MAYOR PRESENTS: TREE DAY 2008

Hialeah, Florida Thursday, March 20, 2008 – On a beautiful, breezy morning, Mayor Julio Robaina, the City Council and the City of Hialeah gathered at Goodlet Park along with Common Ground for Conservation, a non-profit organization aimed at combating devastating climate changes in Florida due to global-warming and pollution. The event highlighted the first of many trees to be planted as part of Hialeah's Eco-Green Initiative to increase the canopy areas in the city. Mayor Robaina presented Mildred Real, President and CEO of Common Ground for Conservation, with a Proclamation naming March 20, Tree Day in Hialeah 2008.

"Today marks the beginning of a new tradition," Mayor Robaina said, "expanding our goal towards a greener environment." The Lancewood Tree donated by the organization is native to Florida, which is crucial in the repair of areas in need of shading. During a time when water restrictions are at an all time high, native trees can provide all the benefits they offer as well as adapting to the dry spells Florida occasionally experiences. Thicker canopies over the City of Hialeah will offer greater protection against hurricanes, serve as a natural climate control, increase the oxygen flow, as well as serve an aesthetic purpose.

Carlos Gomez, Director of Development for Common Ground for Conservation found his experience in working with the City of Hialeah pleasant and professional. "Mayor Robaina and his entire team extended their maximum collaboration throughout this entire process." Tree Day 2008 was an event scheduled between Arbor Day Florida and National Arbor Day to increase community awareness and raise consciousness in environmental conservation. Mayor Robaina's strong campaign towards a greener Hialeah will help ensure beautiful, breezy mornings will be enjoyed by future generations to come.